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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: D. Spector  
AKINARI TAKAGI, ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2144  
Application No.: 09/653,278 )  
: Confirmation No.: 4771  
Filed: August 31, 2000 )  
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For: IMAGE OBSERVATION ) June 1, 2005  
: APPARATUS AND SYSTEM )

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed document and English language translation listed on the enclosed PTO-1449.

The cited Japanese document was previously cited in the IDS filed April 25, 2005, together with an English Abstract. A full translation is now provided. The translation was obtained from the Industrial Property Digital Library and was generated by a computer. Applicants make no representation that the accuracy has been verified.

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Also, enclosed are partial translations of the following Office Actions issued in the Japanese priority applications.

Japanese Application No. 11-316568

Notification of Reason for Refusal - (April 19, 2003)

Notification of Reason for Refusal - (December 2, 2003)

Japanese Application No. 2000-058737

Notification of Reason for Refusal - (December 2003)

Notification of Reason for Refusal - (April 19, 2004)

### CONCLUSION

We also enclose a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2).

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

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